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A/C Robotic 55 Deg. Curved Gun
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AIR-COOLED CURVED GUN



55° Robotic Curved Torch - Series 400

Model CCA (Slip-in Current Tip)

Model CTA (Threaded Current Tip)

INSTRUCTION, PARTS & SPECIFICATIONS MANUAL

D/F MACHINE SPECIALTIES is a world leader in the design, development, and manufacture of “MIG” (GMAW) & “TIG” (GTAW) welding products, consumables and accessories. D/F offers several types of manual Air or Water-Cooled “MIG” welding tools, and with the increased use of automated and robotic welding systems, a demand has been created for welding tools of the highest quality, durability and interchangeability. For over forty years, D/F welding products have been used extensively on “MIG” and “TIG” welding applications. This experience, coupled with patented design features, unavailable on any other competitive equipment, has made D/F welding tools the most advanced “MIG” and “TIG” welding guns and barrels for semi-automatic, automatic or robotic welding applications.

This Catalog is a guide to helping you select the proper tool for a given semi-automatic, automatic or robotic welding application. The following is only a partial listing of available semi-automatic, automatic and robotic guns. For further information on special “MIG” and “TIG” requirements, please consult the factory.

Customer satisfaction and customer benefits are the center points of all strategic contents

The spirit of the D/F Machine Specialties personnel is to listen to and to integrate the customer throughout the process, to develop and design marketable products, to present prototypes, to carry out pilot tests and to prepare for and be open to new technology and tasks. We attract and carefully select talented individuals who share our values. Together we will nurture and sustain a work environment with two-way communication, training, mentoring, and rewarding career opportunities.

Innovation and quality

Innovation and quality come from being receptive and willing to learn from others. We encourage our people to be creative and take risks in the pursuit of excellence. Innovative practices are deeply rooted in every one of our employees, a philosophy that leads to continuous product development and industry firsts.

Progress

By remaining confident, focused, and persistent in challenging times, we will discover opportunity. Commitment to quality and the pursuit on innovation ensure that D/F Machine Specialties will remain an industry leader for years to come.

Commitment to excellence

At D/F Machine Specialties we commit to design, build and deliver premium products and superior customer support to quality driven welding professionals. Customers still to this day choose D/F over competitors because of our responsiveness and flexibility. Customers will continue to choose D/F tomorrow for our superior hand-made products and service. To ensure this, we need creative and competent personnel in all business divisions, an intensive exchange of thoughts and ideas with all users, participation in working and study groups within the field of welding technology and intensive cooperation with institutes and universities.

Teamwork

Striving for excellence is a commitment that is an integral component of the D/F Culture. Our team of skilled and dedicated employees takes pride in the excellence products they produce. Each of us willingly accepts personal responsibility for meeting our commitments and we hold each other to a high standard of accountability.

Responsibility

We will continually strive to be environmentally responsible and to support the health and safety of our employees, customers, and neighbors. We continue to support the communities in which we operate and the industries in which we participate.

Thank You for Choosing D/F Machine Specialties



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SAFETY MEASURES - **PLEASE READ!**

Welding is not particularly hazardous when certain safety practices are followed. Anyone using this equipment should be thoroughly trained in safe welding practices. Failure to observe safe practices may cause serious injury. Handling welding torches presents no danger if the appropriate safety regulations are strictly adhered to. For example:

- Starting-up procedures must be reserved for those fully conversant with processes relating to arc welding equipment.
- Arc welding can prove damaging to eyes, skin, and hearing! It is therefore imperative that the Accident Prevention Regulations UVV 26.0 and VGB 15 are fully observed and that all protective clothing, eye and ear protectors specified are worn.
- The load data given are maximum limit figures. Overloading will inevitably damage the torch!
- Before changing wear parts, disconnect for the power supply.
- The operating instructions for the individual welding components - e.g. power source, wire feed and cooling unit must be followed.
- Never pull the cable assembly across sharp edges or set down close to weld spatter or on a hot workpiece.
- Those not involved in the welding process should be protected by curtains or partitions from radiation and the danger of being dazzled.
- When handling gas cylinders, consult the instructions issued by the manufacturers and the suppliers of the pressurized gas.
- Workpieces which have been degreased using chlorinated solvents must be sprayed down with clean water before welding starts to avoid the risk of phosgene forming. For the same reason, no degreasing baths containing chlorine must be placed close to the welding point.
- All vapors given off by metals can cause harm and a special warning is attached to lead, cadmium, copper, zinc, and beryllium. If necessary, take appropriate precautions (by providing adequate ventilation or an extraction system) to ensure that the legal maximum levels of toxic concentrations are not exceeded.

For more information, refer to the following standards in their latest revisions and comply as applicable.

- ANSI Standard Z49.1, SAFETY IN WELDING AND CUTTING obtainable from the American Welding Society, 2501 N.W. 7th St., Miami, FL 33125.
- ANSI Standard Z41.1, STANDARD FOR MEN'S SAFETY - TOE FOOTWEAR obtainable from the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.
- ANSI Standard Z49.2, FIRE PREVENTION IN THE USE OF CUTTING AND WELDING PROCESSES obtainable from the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.
- OSHA, SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS, 29CFR 1910, obtainable from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.
- AWS Standard A6.0, WELDING AND CUTTING CONTAINERS WHICH HAVE HELD COMBUSTIBLES obtainable from the American Welding Society, 2501 N.W. 7th St., Miami, FL 33125.
- NFPA Standard 70-1978, NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE obtainable from the National Fire Protection Association, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210.
- ANSI Standard Z88.2, "Practice for Respiratory Protection" obtainable from the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.
- ANSI Standard Z87.1, SAFE PRACTICES FOR OCCUPATION AND EDUCATIONAL EYE AND FACE PROTECTION obtainable from the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY, 10018.
- NIOSH, SAFETY AND HEALTH IN ARC WELDING AND GAS WELDING AND CUTTING obtainable from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.
- American Welding Society Standard AWSF4.1 "Recommended Safe Practices for the Preparation for Welding and Cutting of Containers and Piping That Have Held Hazardous Substances", obtainable from the American Welding Society, 2501 N.W. 7th St., Miami, FL 33125.

INTRODUCTION

The CCA/CTA series of air-cooled curved gun configurations come pre-assembled and ready to install. These MIG welding guns can be converted to different configurations to suit many robotic welding applications by utilizing the various nozzle bodies and gas nozzles available. Consult the factory for special nozzle requirements other than those listed on page 8. All models have the feature of individual replaceable service connections. When desirable, a cable/hose sheath is available to further add to the durability and long life of these gun assemblies.

All joints on these guns are low temperature brazed for strength and integrity of the design. Longevity of the gun performance is provided by the well-designed switch and cable assembly. Each gun assembly comes with a tip and nozzle applied.

In order to make the installation complete, the series and gun model along with wire size, wire feeder make & model, and inlet as needed must be specified when ordering.

For further information or help with D/F Machine Specialties products, please visit our web site at www.dfmachinespecialties.com, or consult the factory at 1-507-625-6200.

TABLE 1 - ORDERING INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION	CODE NO.						
	4 Ft.	5 Ft.	7 Ft.	8 Ft.	10 Ft.	12 Ft.	15 Ft.
Model CCA/CTA (Specify Nozzle Body)					11689	11690	11691
Model CCA (Nozzle Body 13197)	15524	15530	11547				
Model CCA (Nozzle Body 13198)	15525	15531	11557				
Model CCA (Nozzle Body 16384)	15526	15532	11567				
Model CTA (Nozzle Body 13197)	15527	15533		11548			
Model CTA (Nozzle Body 13198)	15528	15534		11558			
Model CTA (Nozzle Body 16384)	15529	15535		11568			

When ordering, specify the Model and Code No. from this table.
Also advise of wire diameter and feeder manufacturer to be used.

TABLE 2 - MODEL SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	CURRENT CAPACITY	LENGTH	BODY DIAMETER	WEIGHT (approx.)	RECOMMENDED WIRE DIAMETER RANGE
CCA 55°/ CTA 55°	400 amps CO ₂ 260 amps Argon	13.125"	1.450"	1.8 lbs.	.030"-.062" Hard 3/64"-1/16" Cored

DISASSEMBLY

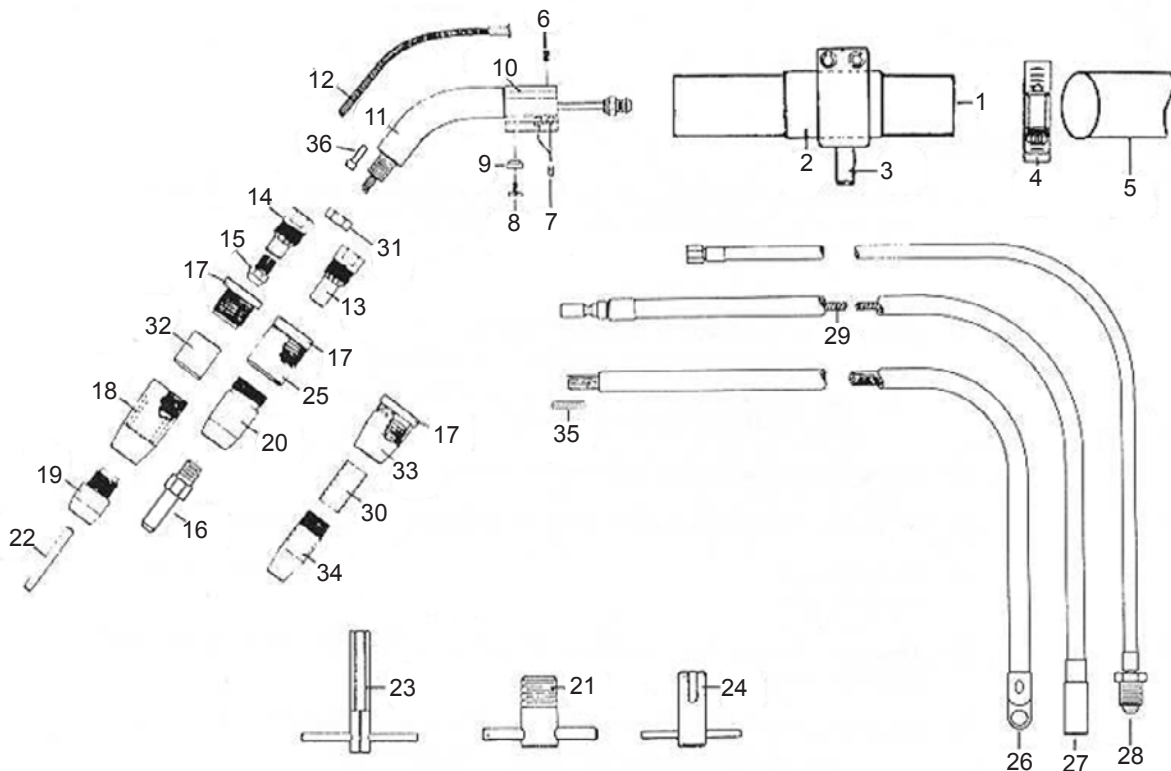
1. When repairs are made on the production line make certain the power source and wire feeder are disconnected from primary power.
2. Remove forward gas nozzle. If threads are damaged or clogged up with spatter, use (14610) nozzle thread chaser tap to recondition the front of nozzle bodies (16384 & 13197).
3. Remove current tip. A wrench is provided for the collet holding the slip-in tip on the CA-C Series. See page 8 for replacement of tips and nozzles.
4. If the 1/4" and 5/16" collet adapters (13205 & 13209) or 7/16" threaded tip adapter (12019) is to be replaced, proceed as follows:
 - a. Unscrew the nozzle body. If the insulator threads off with the nozzle body, it may be necessary to grip the edge of the insulator (13163) and turn it out. Do not apply excessive pressure to the insulator.
 - b. The nozzle body insulator (16605) can be removed by sliding it to the rear. NOTE: Nozzle body (13197, 13198, & 16384) rear insulator threads can be reconditioned and re-chased with 14612 rear thread chaser.
5. Remove the adapter by using two 5/8" wrenches - one to hold the jam nut (16202) and the other to unscrew the adapter.
6. NOTE: Optional "Body Bushing" is provided to center up the liner located at the forward end of the inner body on guns not utilizing the inner body liner and single piece casing.
7. Insulator on body tube should be inspected and replaced if worn or cut at this time.
8. Remove flat head screw (12610) and insulator from the body tube.
9. Release pressure on switch housing clamp.
10. Grasp electrical cable and at the same time pull body tube off the curved inner body. A slight twisting motion will aid in sliding the tube back.
11. The casing set screw (14712) can now be released and the casing/liner assembly withdrawn out of the inner body. NOTE: Swivel socket set is captivated by the body tube.
12. Insert and replace inner body liner. See page 8 for replacement.
13. If the trigger switch is to be removed:
 - a. Release socket set screw holding the switch in position.
 - b. Drift out the roll pin holding the lever in the switch housing.
 - c. Carefully pull button switch from housing - inspect and replace as required.

ASSEMBLY

1. Care must be exercised in connecting fittings to allow sliding of the handle over the hoses when reassembling. Keep the hose/services as straight as possible, avoiding twisting of service lines.
2. If new power cable is required:
 - a. Trim off approximately 1" off cable covering.
 - b. Carefully wrap copper strands with copper sheet.
 - c. Slip wrapped copper cable end with locking clip (16196) provided into the rear of the inner body assembly.
3. Securely tighten socket set on the power cable assembly.
4. If possible, check for gas flow through gun body after applying the gas hose assembly.
5. By following the procedures listed in Disassembly in reverse, the gun cable can now be re-assembled.
6. Check to make sure that your gun assembly has the right size current tip and liners for wire to be used.
7. Be sure replacement lines/composite body liner is cut off at the proper length. For adjustment of current tip stick-out, see page 10.
8. When trimming liner, important! Remove any sharp edges outside or inside and file if necessary.
9. When installing a new collet (11950 & 18262) be careful not to over-tighten with the collet wrench. Excessive pressure is not required due to good gripping action of the collet.
10. Current tips and nozzles should be cleaned as frequently as required. A clogged nozzle will restrict the flow of shielding gas.
11. Check regularly the condition of service hose and control wire connections leading from the feeder and power source.

AIR-COOLED CURVED 55° REMOTE MOUNT TORCH

SERIES 400 CA-C (Slip-In Tip) & CA-T (Threaded Tip)

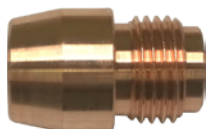


Ref.	Code No.	Description
1	12878	Body Tube
2	16595	Sleeve
3	14085	Mounting Bracket
4	14803	Clamp
5	14808	Cable/Hose Protector 3Ft.
	14809	Cable/Hose Protector 4Ft.
	14810	Cable/Hose Protector 5Ft.
	14811	Cable/Hose Protector 6Ft.
	14812	Cable/Hose Protector 7Ft.
6	14712	Socket Set Screw
7	14713	Socket Set Screw
8	12610	Flat Head Screw
9	12880	Washer
10	11045	Inner Body 55° - 1/0 Cable
11	16234	Insulation Tube
12		Body Liner (see page 10)
13	12019	Adapter - Threaded Tip 7/16"
14	13205	Adapter - Slip-In Tip 1/4"
	13209	Adapter - Slip-In Tip 5/16"
15	11950	Collet Nut - 1/4"
	18262	Collet Nut - 5/16"
16		Current Tip - Threaded (see Table 4)
17	13163	Insulator
18	13197	Nozzle Body (Less Insulator)
	13176	Nozzle Body (With Insulator)
19		Gas Nozzle (see Table 3)
20		Gas Nozzle (see Table 3)
21	14612	Nozzle Body Thread Chaser (Rear)
22		Current Tip - Slip-In (see Table 4)
23	12111	Wrench

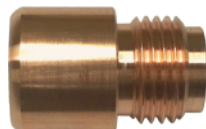
Ref.	Code No.	Description
24	14610	Nozzle Thread Chaser Tap (Front)
25	13177	Nozzle Body (With Insulator)
	13198	Nozzle Body (Less Insulator)
26	18073	Power Cable 1/0 - 3 Ft.
	18074	Power Cable 1/0 - 4 Ft.
	18075	Power Cable 1/0 - 5Ft.
	18076	Power Cable 1/0 - 6 Ft.
	18077	Power Cable 1/0 - 7 Ft.
	18078	Power Cable 1/0 - 8 Ft.
27		Casing (see Table 7)
28	14501	Gas Hose Assembly - 3 Ft.
	14502	Gas Hose Assembly - 4 Ft.
	14503	Gas Hose Assembly - 5 Ft.
	14504	Gas Hose Assembly - 6 Ft.
	14100	Gas Hose Assembly - 7 Ft.
	16830	Gas Hose Assembly - 8 Ft.
29		Liners - See Table 6
30	16426	Insulator
31	16202	Adapter Jam Nut
32	16605	Insulator
33	16383	Nozzle Body (With Insulator)
	16384	Nozzle Body (Less Insulator)
34	16379	Gas Nozzle .546" ID
	16380	Gas Nozzle .626" ID
35	16196	Cable Clamp Kit
36	16089	Bushing .030"-3/32"

TABLE 3 - GAS NOZZLES

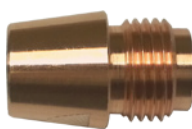
GUN MODEL	REF.	NOZZLE TYPE	O.D.	I.D.	CODE NO.
NC/HT	1	Copper Tapered	63/64"	5/8"	10362
	2	Copper Straight	1"	3/4"	10340
	3	Copper Full Taper	63/64"	5/8"	10359
	4	Copper Straight	5/8"	7/16"	10374
	5	Chrome (use with Nozzle Body 13198)	1-1/16"	3/4"	10379



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TABLE 4 - CURRENT TIPS

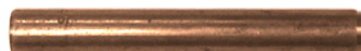
CURRENT TIPS - 2-1/2" SLIP-IN - 1/4" DIAMETER

Gun/Barrel Model	Wire Size	Wire Type	Code No.
All NC, NCC, NCM (Tip provides 1/8" set back)	.030"	Hard	10794
	.035"	Hard	10795
	.045"	Hard	10796
	.052"	Hard	10840
	1/16"	Hard	10797
All NC, NCC, NCM (Tip provides 1/8" set back)	3/64"	Aluminum	10785
	1/16"	Aluminum	10786



CURRENT TIPS - 2-1/2" SLIP-IN - 5/16" DIAMETER

Gun/Barrel Model	Wire Size	Wire Type	Code No.
All NC, NCC, NCM (Tip provides 1/8" set back)	.030"	Hard	19390
	.035"	Hard	19391
	.045"	Hard	19392
	.052"	Hard	19393
	1/16"	Hard	19394
	5/64"	Hard	19711
	3/32"	Hard	19726
	7/64"	Hard	19396
	1/8"	Hard	19727
All NC, NCC, NCM (Tip provides 3/8" set back)	.035"	Cored	19400
	.045"	Cored	19401
	.052"	Cored	19402
	1/16"	Cored	19403
	5/64"	Cored	19404
	3/32"	Cored	19405
	7/64"	Cored	19406
	1/8"	Cored	19720
All NC, NCC, NCM (Tip provides 1/8" set back)	3/64"	Aluminum	19407
	1/16"	Aluminum	19408
	5/64"	Aluminum	19728
	3/32"	Aluminum	19409



CURRENT TIPS - 7/16" DIAMETER THREADED

Gun/Barrel Model	Wire Size	Wire Type	Code No.
All HT, HTC, HTM, CTW, CW-T, MTW (Tip provides 1/8" set back)	.035"	Hard	15116
	.045"	Hard	15117
	.052"	Hard	15121
	1/16"	Hard	15118
	5/64"	Hard	15119
	3/32"	Hard	15120
	7/64"	Hard	15122
	1/8"	Hard	15105
All HT, HTC, HTM, CTW, CW-T, MTW (Tip provides 3/8" set back)	.035"	Cored	15101
	.045"	Cored	15106
	.052"	Cored	15112
	1/16"	Cored	15107
	5/64"	Cored	15108
	3/32"	Cored	15109
	7/64"	Cored	15110
	1/8"	Cored	15111
All HT, HTC, HTM, CTW, CW-T, MTW (Tip provides 1/8" set back)	3/64"	Aluminum	15126
	1/16"	Aluminum	15125
	5/64"	Aluminum	15087
	3/32"	Aluminum	15148
	1/8"	Aluminum	15123



TABLE 5 - LINERS

Description	Wire Size	2 Ft.	3 Ft.	4 Ft.	5 Ft.	6 Ft.	7 Ft.	8 Ft.	10 Ft.	12 Ft.	15 Ft.
Hard	.030"	-	14130	14131	14132	16818	16819	16820	12320	12321	12322
Hard/Cored	.035"-.045" **	16443	16444	16445	16446	16447	16448	16449	16407	16408	16409
Hard/Cored	.045"-1/16" **	16147	16148	16149	16150	16151	16152	16153	16119	16120	16121
Stainless	.035"-.045" **	16154	16155	16156	16157	16158	16159	16160	12336	12337	12338
Stainless	.045"-1/16" **	16501	16502	16503	16504	16505	16506	16507	16508	16509	16510
Aluminum	3/64" **	16833	14146	14148	14150	16618	16619	12410	12411	12412	12413
Aluminum	1/16" **	16834	14152	14154	14156	14164	16620	12401	12402	12416	12404
Aluminum	3/32" **	16835	14158	14160	14162	14165	16769	16602	16602	12417	12426

** Liners to be used with double asterisk casing

TABLE 6 - CASINGS

Description	Wire Size	2 Ft.	3 Ft.	4 Ft.	5 Ft.	6 Ft.	7 Ft.	8 Ft.	10 Ft.	12 Ft.	15 Ft.
Casing Assembly (Flexible)											
Select Liner	.030"	14440	14441	14442	14443	12291	12292	12285	12286	12287	12290
Select Liner	.035"-1/16" **	14444	14445	14446	14447	16173	16561	13565	13751	13757	13752
Casing Assembly (Reinforced)											
Single Piece	.035"-.045"	16735	16736	16737	16738	16739	16740	16512	15988	15991	16055
Single Piece	.045"-1/16"	15750	15751	15752	15753	15754	15755	16513	12380	12383	12386
Single Piece	5/64"-3/32"	15729	15730	15731	15732	15733	15734	15735	12441	12449	12443
Single Piece	7/64"-1/8"	15740	15741	15742	15743	15744	15745	16515	12445	12448	12446

** Liners to be used with double asterisk casing

TABLE 7 - RECOMMENDED SPARE PARTS

ITEM	CODE NO.	MIN QTY.
Gas Nozzle	To Be Selected	2
Current Tip	To Be Selected	25
Collet Nut	To Be Selected	1
Body Liner	To Be Selected	2
Insulation Tube	To Be Selected	1
Insulator	13163	1

COMPOSITE BODY LINERS

Required with Single Piece Casing or Casings that Use Replaceable Liners

Model CCA - Pre-Fit Body Liner Used with Slip-In Tip

CODE NO.	DESCRIPTION	SIZE WIRE	TYPE WIRE
16385	Composite Body Liner	.030"-.035"	Hard
16295	Composite Body Liner	.035"-.045"	Hard
16296	Composite Body Liner	.045"-.052"-1/16"	Hard

Model CTA - Pre-Fit Body Liner Used with Threaded Tip

CODE NO.	DESCRIPTION	SIZE WIRE	TYPE WIRE
16746	Composite Body Liner	.030"-.035"	Hard
16747	Composite Body Liner	.035"-.045"	Hard
16748	Composite Body Liner	.045"-.052"-1/16"	Hard

UTILITY STATION 45184 - AIR-COOLED BARRELS

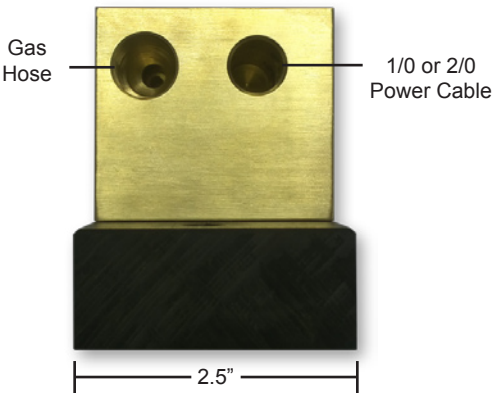
ORDERING INFORMATION

Description	Code No.
Utility Station - Air-Cooled Barrels	45184

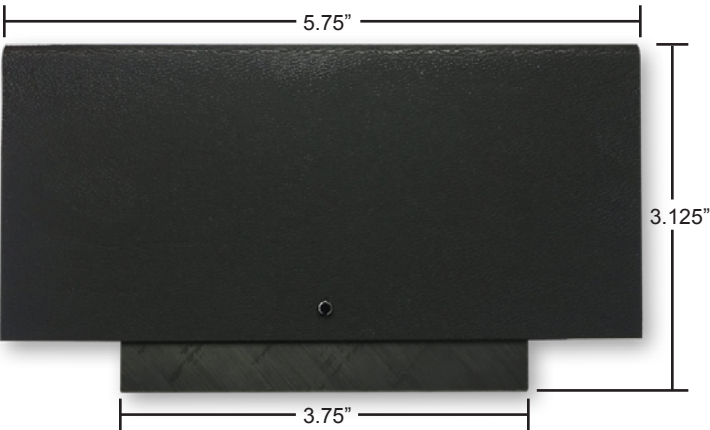
DIMENSION SPECIFICATIONS

Base Length	3.75"
Overall Length	5.75"
Base Width	2.25"
Overall Width	2.5"
Overall Height	3.125"
Mounting Hole Center Distance	2.75"
Overall Weight	3.5 lbs.

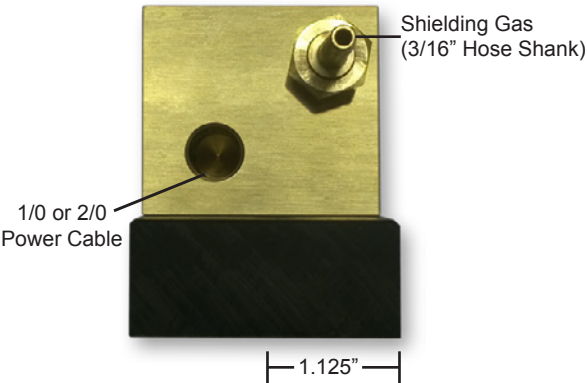
D/F TORCH CONNECTION



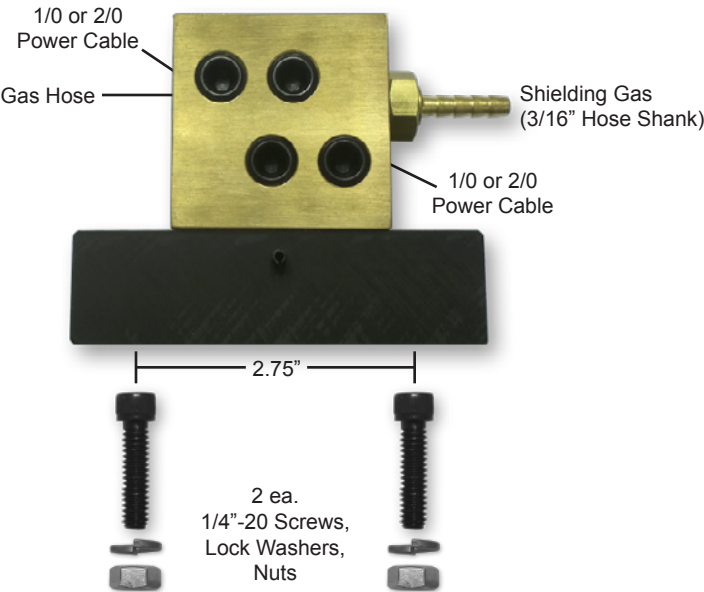
UTILITY STATION SIDE VIEW WITH COVER



CUSTOMER UTILITIES CONNECTION



FROM LEFT: D/F TORCH CONNECTION FROM RIGHT: CUSTOMER UTILITIES CONNECTION



WIRE FEEDER ADAPTERS & INLETS

Manufacturer	Models	Wire Diameter	Remote Mount Adapter			Direct Mount Adapter	
			Hard or AL	Cored	Stub* Liner	Hard or AL	Cored
ESAB®	D20 (20mm)	.030"-3/32" H/C/AL 5/64"-1/8" H/C	13098	13099	*	13096	13097
ESAB®			18246	18247		18248	18249
EURO			18493	18493		18540	18540
Hobart®	All Models	.030"-3/32" H/C/AL 5/64"-1/8" H/C	13067	16087	*	13068	16225
Lincoln®	LN-7, LN-8, NA5-R	.030"-3/32" H/C/AL 5/64"-1/8" H/C	13110	13112	*	13113	13116
	LN-9	.030"-3/32" H/C/AL 5/64"-1/8" H/C	16581	16582	*	16528	16529
	NA3, NA5	.030"-3/32" H/C/AL 5/64"-1/8" H/C	16879	16878	*	16880	16881
"BIG MIG"	NA3, NA5	.030"-3/32" H/C/AL 5/64"-1/8" H/C	16879	16878	*	16888	16888
Lincoln®	Power-Feed 10, LF-72, LF-74	.030"-3/32" H/C/AL 5/64"-1/8" H/C	13479	13469	*	13480	13468
Linde®	SWM31 SWM34 SWM37 SWM38 EH8	Casing to Feeder (Accepts Linde® Outlet Guide)	13046			13046	
		D/F Insert .035"-.045" Hard .045"-1/16" Hard 5/64"-3/32" Cored 3/64"-1/16" AL	13047 13048 13050	13049		13047 13048 13050	13049
	EH10	.030"-3/32" H/C/AL 5/64"-1/8" H/C	13043	13052	*	13080	13079
					*		
Mavrix®	PA-10	.030"-3/32" H/C/AL 5/64"-1/8" H/C	16556	16568	Requires Inlet		
Miller® (50 Series)		.030"-3/32" H/C/AL 5/64"-1/8" H/C	16557	16559	*	16558	16560
OTC®	Requires Insert	.030"-1/8" .030"-1/8"	18268		*	18275	
	CMRE-741		18282			18282	
Panasonic®	PME-12X YW50AKW1	.030"-1/16" .030"-1/16"	13090 13466	Requires Inlet			
TWECO®	#4	.030"-3/32" H/C/AL 5/64"-1/8" H/C	13479	13469	*	13480	13468
Welding Alloys®		.030"-3/32" H/C/AL 5/64"-1/8" H/C		Requires Liner Requires Inlet		13486	13486

*Stub liners only required in feeder adapter when single-piece casing is used.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Each D/F gun is fully assembled and ready to install. In order to make the installation complete, the code number, wire size & type, make/model of wire feeder, and inlet as needed must be specified when ordering. If special welding tools or accessories other than those listed previously are required, please consult with the factory.

FEEDER ADAPTER INLETS

Wire Size	Steel Code No.	Brass Code No.	Nylon Code No.
.030"	13801	16417	
.035"	13803	16418	
.045"	13806	16419	
.052"	13844	16420	
1/16"	13809	16421	
5/64"	13812	16422	
3/32"	13814	16422	
7/64"	13816		
1/8"	13842		
3/64" AL			13807
1/16" AL			13810
3/32" AL			13815

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TROUBLESHOOTING: POROSITY (SUMMARY)

NOTE: Most POROSITY is caused by gas problems, followed by base metal contamination.

Causes of Porosity

BASE METAL CONTAMINATION

Impurities on base metal

FILLER METAL CONTAMINATION

Impurities on filler metal (wire)

ATMOSPHERIC CONTAMINATION

Drafts, wind, fans, etc.

GAS MIXING APPARATUS

1. Too high a gas flow, causing turbulence, and/or sucking air at hose connections; creating the venturi effect at end of gas nozzle
2. Too low a gas flow, causing insufficient gas coverage
3. Damaged or kinked gas lines
4. Too high an oxygen content
5. Leaks in gas distribution system
6. Other impurities in gas - moisture, etc.
7. Inconsistent gas flow (cfh) at the torch connection

GAS TURBULENCE

1. Excessive spatter build-up in gas nozzle and on current tip
2. Nozzle damage, causing uneven gas coverage
3. Torch gas ports clogged or deformed
4. Super-heated nozzle, causing shielding gas to expand rapidly and create return effect at end of nozzle
5. Gas diffuser/nozzle insulator missing
6. Too high a gas flow causing the venturi effect

WELDING PARAMETERS, ETC.

1. Too long a wire stick-out; gas nozzle too far from weld puddle
2. Bad torch position - too sharp a torch incline causing the venturi effect at the end of the nozzle leading to atmospheric contamination
3. Excessively wide weld pool for nozzle I.D.
4. Arc voltage too high
5. Too high a travel speed

Possible Solutions

- a. Remove contamination; clean surfaces
- b. Use of specific wire/gas mix for specific types of impurities

- a. Replace wire
- b. Install wire-cleaning system
- c. Prevent industrial dust/dirt/grit from contaminating wire during storage or use
- d. Prevent build-up of aluminum oxide on exposed aluminum wire surface by using up quickly
- e. Remove wire from wire drive unit and store in a sealed plastic bag when not in use for long periods

- a. Protect weld from drafts (curtains/screens)
- b. Use tapered or bottleneck gas nozzles when drafts cannot be avoided

- 1a. Reduce gas flow
- 1b. Tighten all hose connection points
2. Increase gas flow
3. Repair or replace
4. Adjust mixer
5. Repair leaks
6. Overhaul system; fit filters and/or dryers
7. Regulate pressure into flow meter for consistent cfh delivery of gas

1. Clean nozzle and tip regularly; spray with anti-spatter fluid
2. Replace nozzle
3. Clean or replace
4. Check duty cycle rating of torch
5. Replace
6. Reduce gas flow

1. Use longer nozzle or adjust stick-out (3/8" minimum or 15 times wire diameter)
2. Correct torch angle
3. Width of the weld pool should be 1.3 times the nozzle I.D.; use suitable wider gas nozzle
4. Reduce voltage
5. Reduce speed

TROUBLESHOOTING: SPATTER

Problems/Causes

SPATTER

Too fast or too slow wire feed for the arc voltage

Too long an arc

Damaged current tip

Inclination of welding gun too great

Faulty power source

Incorrect start

Incorrect pulse parameters

Uneven wire feed

Impurities on the base metal

Poor ground contact

Too long stick-out (short-arc welding)

Incorrect polarity

Possible Solutions

Set the wire feed rate and voltage in accordance with good welding practices as recommended by a qualified welding engineer.

Adjust the wire feed and voltage so that the arc is in accordance with good welding practice for the joint to be welded. The distance from the current tip to the workpiece should be 15 times the welding wire diameter. If the arc is too long there will be spatter, usually in the direction of the weld.

If the current tip becomes worn the welding wire will not be in constant contact with the tip and the arc will become unstable. A current tip contaminated with spatter will cause uneven wire feed resulting in further spatter.

The angle of the gas nozzle relative to the workpiece should be between 45 and 90 degrees. If the angle is too small, the wire runs parallel to the weld pool, resulting in spatter in the direction of the welding.

Have the power source checked for faulty conditions such as broken wires and faulty contacts.

A great deal of spatter occurs if the stick-out is too great and if the welding gun is held too far from the workpiece when striking the arc. Try to start with as short a stick-out as possible and with the welding gun as close to the starting point as possible. If a large ball end is formed on the end of the welding wire, remove it by cutting the wire with sharp wire cutters. It is helpful if the wire is cut to a point. Always remove the ball end before striking an aluminum arc. Check the welding ground connection.

Check the user manual for your power supply or consult a qualified welding engineer.

Uneven wire feed gives rise to heavy spatter. Find the cause of the disturbance and correct the condition before proceeding.

Paint, mill scale, rust and other contamination on the base metal form an insulating layer causing an unstable arc that results in heavy spatter. Clean the surfaces to be welded.

Inspect ground cable for loose connections, fraying and cuts. Correct any problem areas found and attach the ground cable directly to the workpiece after having cleaned the contact surface first. POOR GROUND CONTACT IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF UNSTABLE MIG WELDING CONDITIONS.

The stick-out should be 15 times the diameter of the wire electrode being used. With increasing stick-out, the current is reduced and the arc voltage rises, giving a longer unstable arc and increased spatter.

Check for correct polarity. Follow the electrode manufacturer's recommendations.

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Problems/Causes

Possible Solutions

ERRATIC WIRE FEED

Slipping feed rolls

Check that the feed roll size is correct for the wire size being used. Increase the drive roll pressure until the wire feed is even. Do not apply excessive pressure as this can damage the wire surface, causing copper coating to loosen from steel wires or metal shavings to be formed from soft wires like aluminum. These metal fragments or shavings can be drawn into the wire feed conduit and will rapidly clog the liner. When welding with flux-cored wires, excessive drive roll pressure may open the wire seam and allow flux or metal powders to escape.

Clogged or worn gun liner

a. Dust, particles of copper, drawing lubricants, metal or flux and other forms of contamination can all clog the liner so that the wire feed is slowed or impeded. A liner that has been in use for an extended period of time becomes worn and filled with dirt and must be replaced.

b. When changing the welding wire, remove the tip from the front end of the gun and blow out the body liner with clean, dry compressed air from the back of the gun. Repeat with the casing and liner assembly. Note: Wear safety goggles when using compressed air to clean the liners. Make sure proper safety procedures are followed in order to avoid possible serious eye injury.

Liners too long or too short

Check the lengths of the liners and trim or replace if too long or too short. The efficient feeding of the welding wire is dependent on the liners fitting correctly.

Spatter on the wire

An unprotected coil of wire quickly collects dust and other airborne contamination. If grinding is being performed in the vicinity, particles can become attached to the wire, severely interfering with the wire feed. Replace with clean wire and keep it protected with a cover. Make sure spare wire rolls are stored in a clean, dry place.

Coil brake incorrectly adjusted

Set the brake so that the coil immediately stops rotating as soon as welding is interrupted. If the brake is applied too hard it will cause the feed rolls to slip, resulting in uneven wire feed. If it is too loose, overrun of the wire will occur, causing wire tangles, inconsistent tension on the feed mechanism and irregular arc characteristics.

UNSTABLE ARC

Incorrect setting of voltage and/or current

Set the wire feed in relation to the arc voltage in such a way that the arc is stable and burns evenly. In spray arc welding, set the wire feed so that there are no short circuits and the filler metal is transferred in a spray across the arc. Find the cause of the interference and correct it. (See ERRATIC WIRE FEED above)

Problems in wire feeding: worn current tip

When the internal diameter of the current tip becomes worn from the passage of wire through it, the wire may no longer stay in continuous electrical contact with the tip. This results in an unstable arc and an increase in spatter. Paint, mill scale, silicon scale, rust or flux deposits from previous weld runs may form an insulating layer causing an unstable arc. Clean the surfaces to be welded.

Impurities on the base metal

Securely attach the ground cable as close to the point of welding as possible on the workpiece. Clean the surfaces thoroughly to ensure good contact.

Poor contact between ground cable and work-piece or loose power connection

Check to insure the welding power connection on the power source is tight, the and workpiece. Connection on the wire feeder is tight, the connection to the adaptor block is tight, Loose power connection and the connection of the gun to the adaptor block is tight.

Stick-out too long

Adjust the current tip to work distance to a minimum of 3/8" for short arc welding. A more precise distance is 15 times the wire diameter.

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Problems/Causes

Possible Solutions

AIR-COOLED GUN RUNNING TOO HOT

Poor ground

Inspect ground cable for loose connections, fraying and cuts. Correct any problem areas found. Clean clamping area to insure good contact. Securely attach the ground cable to the workpiece, as close as possible to the point of welding. Make sure there is a good connection to the welding power source.

Loose power connection

Check to make sure the power connection on the power source is tight, the connection on the wire feeder is tight, the connection to the adaptor block is tight, and the connection of the gun to the adaptor block is tight.

Consumable items loose or worn

Remove nozzle from gun and inspect current tip, collet nut (tip holder) and spatter disc (gas diffuser) for wear and tightness; replace or tighten as necessary.

Capacity of gun being exceeded

Note complete weld parameters, including welding current (Amps), welding voltage, wire feed speed, type and size of wire, type of gas and flow rate of gas and consult your local Authorized D/F Machine Specialties Distributor or contact the factory.

Dirty connection

Remove torch and inspect parts for dirt build-up. Periodic cleaning is necessary.

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